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ST. JUDE'S RANCH FOR CHILDREN HOSTS *NIGHT OF LIGHTS*

A FREE, OPEN HOUSE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 10, 2011 FROM 4 – 9 PM

Boulder City, NV – December 1, 2011 - St. Jude's Ranch for Children's annual Night of Lights event is just days away. Now in its fifth year, this annual tradition marks a special time on our Boulder City, NV campus for our children. The event kicks off with Santa's arrival via full detail, **Secret Service motorcade** (a not to be missed spectacle!) and the evening features an array of activities for children and families including hay rides, games, arts and crafts, hot food, a silent auction, entertainment and much more! Come sip hot chocolate, enjoy S'mores and hay rides while visiting with our children, volunteers and staff.

The **free event is open to the public** and serves primarily as a festive celebration for the children of St. Jude's Ranch to enjoy the holiday season festivities. Many of the children on campus have never had a true holiday experience complete with all of the decorations, entertainment, fun, family and friends so this event provides a special opportunity for both them and guests. It also serves as a fundraiser for St. Jude's Ranch where proceeds from the sale of food and activity tickets go directly into our programs supporting our children.

Attendees are invited to bring the whole family, tour the campus adorned with holiday lights and decorations, and enjoy live music on the main stage from "The Image" with Diahann Hall and Doug Taylor along with featured performances "cirque" performances by our own St. Jude's Ranch kids and Agassi Prep School kids showcasing the talents they've learned through Cirque du Soleil's Cirque du Monde program.

Visit the Gift Shop and Car Museum, which will host the Silent Auction with some very exciting items including hotel and restaurant packages from places like Mandalay Bay, helicopter rides, framed photography, show and NASCAR tickets, fine jewelry, wine packages, retail items like Christian Louboutin and Ferragamo shoes and a special in home private dinner for ten by top-3 finalist on the "Next Food Network Star" chef Vic Vegas "Mama's Boy". Chef Vic was second runner up on the last Food Network competition.

Join the wonderful children of St. Jude's Ranch this December 10th from 4:00 to 9:00 PM and kick off the holiday season with free family fun for a fantastic cause! Sponsorships, in-kind and monetary donations are now being accepted. Visit www.stjudesranch.org/event_nol2010.php for additional details, to download an event flyer and view sponsorship information.

About St. Jude's Ranch for Children:

The mission of St. Jude's Ranch for Children is to serve all abused, abandoned, and neglected children and families, creating new chances, new choices, and new hope in a safe homelike environment. Children are placed at the Ranch when their parents or guardians are unable or unfit to adequately care for them. One of the most important features of the Ranch is the ability to keep large sibling groups together when they might otherwise be separated and scattered among several facilities in foster care. For additional information, visit www.stjudesranch.org.

Directions to the Campus:

From Las Vegas/Henderson: Via I-95 south into Boulder City. Turn left at Buchanan Boulevard. The campus will be on the left side, down about one quarter mile. Parking attendants will instruct you where to park.

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